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Wallace Reid
 US Environmental Protection Agency, Region 10
 1200 Sixth Ave, M/S ECL-115
 Seattle, WA 98101

Environmental Cleanup Office

Re: Transmittal of Fish Homogenization, Compositing, and Sampling Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs), Portland Harbor Superfund Site
 USEPA Docket No: CERCLA-10-2001-0240

Dear Mr. Reid:

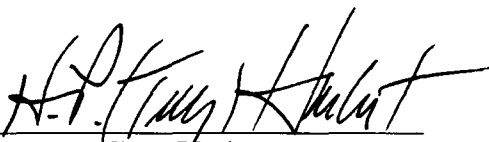
Enclosed please find revised drafts of the Lower Willamette Group's Homogenization and Compositing SOPs. These documents incorporate the changes specified in your conditional approval letter dated August 21, 2002. In this transmittal letter, we acknowledge and verify two of the conditions in your August 21st letter:

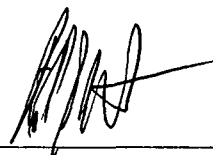
- 1) As is now stated in the Compositing SOP, compositing of fish tissue will not occur until the LWG receives written approval of the compositing scheme from EPA. Please note that due to sample holding time constraints (for mercury), it is critical that EPA's review and approval of the compositing schemes occur within one week of their receipt.
- 2) We verify that mercury is being analyzed in whole body samples of biota samples for human health and ecological risk evaluations and also in fillet without skin samples for the human health evaluation.

Also, enclosed find copies of the previously approved Fish Tissue Sampling SOP. This document was submitted electronically to EPA on July 3rd but not submitted in hardcopy.

We appreciate EPA's efforts in the timely review and approval of these SOPs.

Sincerely,


 Trey Harbert


 Bob Wyatt

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